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SUBJECT: DISPUTED CLAIMS: NORTHERN COOK ISLANDS AND
TOKELAU ISLANDS

REF: (A) STATE 170366, (B) WELLINGTON 2626,

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1. DURING THE NZ-US BILATERAL TALKS WHICH FOLLOWED THE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING, FORMIN TALBOYS ASKED THE USG "OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO TAKE A LOOK AT" THE QUESTION OF US CLAIMS TO THE NORTHERN COOK AND TOKELAU ISLAND GROUPS. HE DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN THE TWO SETS OF ISLANDS, NOTING THAT LATTER ARE CLAIMED BY NEW ZEALAND AND THE FORMER ONLY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS WHICH THE GNZ REPRESENTS.

2. TALBOYS INDICATED THAT THERE IS SOME URGENCY ABOUT THE MATTER SINCE SIR ALBERT HENRY, THE COOK ISLANDS PREMIER,
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"IS GOING TO START JUMPING UP AND DOWN." HE WAS APPARENTLY ALLUDING TO THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM, AUGUST 29-31, AT WHICH THE MEMBER STATES ARE TO COORDINATE THEIR DECLARATIONS OF 200 NM ECONOMIC ZONES.

3. DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER INDICATED THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER. THE EMBASSY HAD EARLIER INFORMED THE GNZ

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE IS STUDYING THE QUESTION OF US CLAIMS TO A NUMBER OF ISLANDS, INCLUDING THE TOKELAUS AND NORTHERN COOKS, AND THAT A REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

4. THE GNZ IS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH MOLLIFYING SIR ALBERT. AS FAR AS ITS OWN CLAIM TO THE TOKELAUS IS CONCERNED, FORSEC CORNER SAYS: "THERE IS NO HEAT IN IT." IN THE LIGHT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S UNDERTAKING, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER EFFORTS THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE TO GET A REPLY BEFORE THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETING.SELDEN

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